

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE OF GEORGIA

SPECIAL PROVISION

Section 828—Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Mixtures

Delete Section 828 and substitute the following:

828.1 General Description

This specification includes the requirements for hot mix asphaltic concrete mixtures, including:

- Open-graded surface mixtures (OGFC and PEM)
- Stone Matrix Asphalt mixtures (SMA)
- Superpave mixtures
- Fine-graded (4.75 mm) mixtures

828.1.01 Definitions

The Nominal Maximum Sieve Size is one standard sieve size larger than the first sieve to retain more than ten percent of the aggregate, per AASHTO R35. Mixture types in this section are identified according to Nominal Maximum Sieve Size.

828.1.02 Related References

A. Standard Specifications

[Section 400–Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Construction](#)

[Section 800–Coarse Aggregate](#)

[Section 802–Aggregates for Asphaltic Concrete](#)

[Section 819–Fiber Stabilizing Additives](#)

[Section 820–Asphalt Cement](#)

[Section 831–Admixtures](#)

[Section 882–Lime](#)

[Section 883–Mineral Filler](#)

B. Referenced Documents

AASHTO R30

AASHTO R35

AASHTO T 321

AASHTO T 112

AASHTO T 209

AASHTO T 305

AASHTO T 312

AASHTO T 245

AASHTO T 340

[SOP-36](#)

[SOP-2](#)

[GDT 1](#)

[GDT 56](#)

[GDT 63](#)

[GDT 66](#)

[GDT 114](#)

[GDT 115](#)

[GDT 123](#)

[QPL 1](#)

[QPL 2](#)

[QPL 7](#)

[QPL 26](#)

[QPL 41](#)

[QPL 77](#)

[QPL 81](#)

828.2 Materials

A. Requirements

Use approved hot mix asphalt concrete mixtures that meet the following requirements:

1. Produce each asphalt mixture according to a Department approved Job Mix Formula and Asphalt Mix Design, see [Subsection 400.1](#) for submittal and approval of Job Mix Formulas.
2. Ensure individual acceptance test results meet the Mixture Control Tolerances specified in the appropriate table below, [Subsections 828.2.01](#) through [828.2.04](#).
3. Ensure the Engineer approves all materials used to prepare and place the mixtures before incorporating them into the Work. Use only the ingredients listed in the approved Asphalt Mix Design and Job Mix Formula. For virgin aggregates use sources meeting the requirements of [Section 802](#) and are listed in [QPL 1](#) or [QPL 2](#); for mixes in which local sand is permitted, use the approved sand source identified in the mix design. For mixtures containing Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP), use only RAP from the approved stockpile identified in the mix design. Use asphalt cement meeting the requirements of [Section 820](#), from a source listed in [QPL 7](#).
4. Obtain approved SMA mix designs, Superpave mix designs and 4.75 mm mix designs from a mix design laboratory certified by the Department. Obtain approved mix designs for types PEM and OGFC mixtures from the Department's Office of Materials, which produces and furnishes these mix designs.
5. Ensure all SMA mix designs are designed in accordance with GDT-123 ("Determining the Design Proportions of Stone Matrix Asphalt Mixtures"). Ensure SMA mix designs are verified and approved by the Department prior to use. Ensure Superpave and 4.75 mm mix designs are designed in accordance with [SOP-2 \("Control of Superpave Bituminous Mixture Designs"\)](#) and are approved by the Department as provided therein. Ensure these mixes are designed by a laboratory and technician certified in accordance with [SOP-36, \("Certification of Laboratories and Personnel for Design of SMA and Superpave Asphalt Mixtures"\)](#).
6. Use only mixtures composed of the aggregate groups and blends indicated in the Proposal and Plans by their pay item designations, defined as follows:

Pay Item Designation	Allowable Aggregate Groups
Group I or II	Group I, Group II, or Blend I
Group II only	Group II only
Blend I	Either 100% Group II material or a blend of Group I and Group II. Do not use Group I material for more than 60%, by weight, of the total aggregate nor

	more than 50%, by weight, of the coarse aggregate fraction.
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7. For patching or leveling use Group I, Group II, or Blend I. Mix types for patching and leveling are specified in [Subsection 400.3.03.B](#).
8. Include lime (hydrated lime) from an approved source and meeting the requirements of [Section 882](#) in all paving courses except as otherwise provided in the Contract. For a list of approved sources of lime, see [QPL 41](#).
 - a. Add lime to each mixture at the rate prescribed in the approved mix design.
 - b. Ensure mix designs using only virgin aggregate include lime at a minimum rate of 1.00 % of the total dry aggregate weight. Ensure mix designs using RAP include lime at a minimum rate equal to 1.00 % of the virgin aggregate fraction plus 0.50 % of the aggregate in the RAP fraction.
 - c. Add more lime or add lime plus an approved Heat-Stable Anti-Stripping Additive meeting the requirements of [Section 831](#), if necessary to meet requirements for mixture properties, and pursuant to an approved mix design. However, the Department will not make additional payment for these materials. For a list of sources of Heat-Stable Anti-Stripping Additives, see [QPL 26](#).
 - d. Where specifically allowed in the contract on LARP, airport, and parking lot projects, an approved Heat-Stable Anti-Stripping Additive meeting the requirements of [Section 831](#) may be substituted for hydrated lime. Ensure the mix gradation is adjusted to replace the lime with an equivalent volume of fines passing the 0.075 mm sieve. Add Heat-Stable Anti-stripping Additive at a minimum rate of 0.5 percent of the asphalt cement portion.
9. Use performance grade PG 64-22 or PG 67-22 asphalt cement in all mix designs and mixtures except as follows:
 - a. The State Materials Engineer will determine the performance grade to be used, based on Table 2 – Binders Selection Guideline for Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) Mixtures, AASHTO M323 and laboratory testing results as required in [Section 828.2.B](#) for mixtures containing $\geq 25\%$ equivalent binder replacement for RAP/RAS mixtures.
 - b. Use only grade PG 76-22, excluding shoulder construction in the following mixes: all SMA, 12.5 mm PEM, 9.5 mm and 12.5 mm OGFC, 12.5 mm Superpave, on projects with ADT greater than 25,000; and in all mixtures for which polymer-modified asphalt is specified in the pay item.
10. Use of local sand is restricted as follows:
 - a. Do not place mixtures containing local sand on the traveled way of the mainline or ramps of the Interstate System. Mixtures with local sand may be used for shoulder construction on these facilities.
 - b. Ensure local sand will not constitute more than 20 % of the total aggregate weight of any mix design or production mix.
 - c. Subject to the above limits, 19 mm, 12.5 mm, and 9.5 mm Superpave mix designs and 4.75 mm mix designs containing local sand may be used on projects with a current ADT not exceeding 2,000.
 - d. 25 mm Superpave mix designs containing not more than 20 % local sand may be used on all facilities except the main line and ramps of the Interstate System.
 - e. Obtain local sand for use in asphalt mixtures from a source approved by the Department.
 - f. Approval of local sand sources: The Department will sample, test, and approve sources of local sand. Ensure local sand contains no more than 7.0 % clay by weight and is free of foreign substances, roots, twigs, and other organic matter. Ensure sand is free of clay lumps, as determined by AASHTO T 112, and has a sand equivalent value exceeding 25%, as determined by [GDT 63](#).

B. Fabrication

1. Design procedures: For all Superpave and 4.75 mm mixes, ensure conformance with the Superpave System for Volumetric Design (AASHTO T 312 and AASHTO R30), as adapted in SOP-2. Ensure Superpave mixes are designed at a design gyration number (N_{des}) of 65 gyrations and initial gyration number (N_{ini}) of 6 gyrations. Ensure 4.75 mm mixes, (N_{des}) are designed at 50 gyrations, and (N_{ini}) at 6 gyrations. Open-graded mix designs will be designed by the Department in accordance with [GDT 114](#). In all cases, the procedure for measuring Maximum Specific Gravity (G_{mm}) is AASHTO T 209. In addition to gradation and volumetric analysis, ensure mix designs include the following performance tests, as applicable.
2. Performance Test:
 - a. Permeability test: Ensure Superpave and Stone Matrix mix designs include testing according to [GDT -1 Measurement of Water Permeability of Compacted Asphalt Paving Mixtures](#). Ensure specimen air voids for this test are 6.0 ± 1.0 %. The average permeability of three specimens may not exceed 3.60 ft per day (125×10^{-5} cm per sec).

- b. Moisture susceptibility test: Ensure mix designs of all types except open-graded surface mixes include testing for moisture susceptibility according to [GDT 66](#). Ensure specimen air voids for this test are $7.0 \pm 1.0\%$ for all mixes excluding Stone Matrix mixes. Ensure specimen air voids for this test are $6.0 \pm 1.0\%$ for Stone Matrix mixes. The minimum tensile splitting ratio is 0.80, except a tensile splitting ratio of no less than 0.70 may be acceptable if all individual strength values exceed 100 psi (690 kPa). Ensure average splitting strength of the three conditioned and three controlled samples are not less than 60 psi (415 kPa) for either group. Ensure retention of coating as determined by [GDT 56](#) is not less than 95%.
- c. Rutting susceptibility test: Ensure mix designs of all types except Open-graded Surface Mixes (OGFC and PEM), and mixtures designed exclusively for trench widening include testing according to [GDT 115](#) or AASHTO T 340. Design limits for this test are as follows: Ensure specimen air voids for this test are $5.0 \pm 1.0\%$ for all mix types incorporating ≥ 15 percent RAP, excluding SMA mixtures. Ensure specimen air voids for this test are $6.0 \pm 1.0\%$ for all mix types incorporating < 15 percent RAP, excluding SMA mixtures. Ensure specimen air voids for this test are $6.0 \pm 1\%$ for all SMA mixtures. Ensure testing temperature is 64°C (147°F) for all mix types except 19 mm and 25 mm Superpave mixes, which are to be tested at 49°C (120°F). Ensure maximum deformation is 5.0 mm for all mixes except 4.75 mm mix, 9.5 mm Types I and II Superpave mixes. Ensure maximum deformation for the 9.5 mm Type II Superpave mix is 6.0 mm at 64°C (147°F) and 8.0 mm at 64°C (147°F) for the 4.75 mm and 9.5 mm Type I Superpave mix.
- d. Fatigue testing: The Department may verify dense-graded mix designs by fatigue testing according to AASHTO T 321 or other procedure approved by the Department.
- e. Hamburg Wheel-Tracking Test: The Department may verify Warm Mix Asphalt dense-graded mix designs or mix designs incorporating Polyphosphoric Acid (PPA) modified binders by Hamburg Wheel-tracking testing according to AASHTO T 324.

C. Acceptance

See [Subsection 106.03](#) and [Section 400](#). Ensure individual test results meet the Mixture Control Tolerances listed in [Subsections 828.2](#), [828.2.01](#), [828.2.02](#), [828.2.03](#), or [828.2.04](#), whichever applies with the following exception. Ensure field verification results for rutting susceptibility tests performed on laboratory fabricated and/or roadway cores obtained from asphalt plant produced mixtures meet specified requirements with a tolerance of ± 2.0 mm.

D. Materials Warranty

See General Provisions 101 through 150.

828.2.01 Open-Graded Surface Mixtures

A. Requirements

Produce the mixture according to an approved mix design and Job Mix Formula. Ensure Open-Graded Surface Mixtures meet the following mixture control tolerances and mix design criteria:

Sieve Size	Mixture Control Tolerance, %	Design Gradation Limits, % Passing		
		9.5 mm OGFC	12.5 mm OGFC	12.5 mm PEM
3/4 in (19 mm) sieve	± 0.0		100*	100*
1/2 in (12.5 mm) sieve	± 6.1	100*	85-100	80-100
3/8 in (9.5 mm) sieve	± 5.6	85-100	55-75	35-60
No. 4 (4.75 mm) sieve	± 5.7	20-40	15-25	10-25
No. 8 (2.36 mm) sieve	± 4.6	5-10	5-10	5-10
No. 200 (75 μm) sieve	± 2.0	2-4	2-4	1-4
Range for % AC	± 0.4	6.0-7.25	5.75-7.25	5.5-7.0
Class of stone (Section 800)		"A" only	"A" only	"A" only
Drain-down (AASHTO T305), %		< 0.3	< 0.3	< 0.3

* Mixture control tolerance is not applicable to this sieve for this mix.

1. In 12.5 mm and 9.5 mm OGFC and 12.5 mm PEM mixes, use only PG 76-22 asphalt cement (specified in [Section 820](#)).

2. Ensure all OGFC and PEM mixes include a stabilizing fiber of the type (cellulose or mineral) specified in the mix design and meeting the requirements of [Section 819](#). Ensure the dosage rate is as specified in the mix design and sufficient to prevent drain-down exceeding the above tolerance.

B. Fabrication

See Section 400.

828.2.02 Stone Matrix Asphalt Mixtures

A. Requirements

Produce the mixture according to an approved mix design and Job Mix Formula. Ensure Stone Matrix Asphalt mixtures meet the following mixture control tolerances and mix design criteria:

Sieve Size	Mixture Control Tolerance	Design Gradation Limits, Percent Passing		
		9.5 mm SMA	12.5 mm SMA	19 mm SMA
1- in (25 mm) sieve	±0.0			100*
3/4 in (19 mm) sieve	±7.0	100*	100*	90-100
1/2 in (12.5 mm) sieve	±6.1	98-100**	85-100	44-70
3/8 in (9.5 mm) sieve	±5.6	70-100	50-75	25-60
No. 4 (4.75 mm) sieve	±5.7	28-50	20-28	20-28
No. 8 (2.36) mm sieve	±4.6	15-30	16-24	15-22
No. 50 (300 µm) sieve	±3.8	10-17	10-20	10-20
No. 200 (75 µm) sieve	±2.0	8-13	8-12	8-12
Range for % AC (Note 1)	±0.4 (Note 2)	6.0-7.5	5.8-7.5	5.5-7.5
Design optimum air voids (%)		3.5 ±0.5	3.5 ±0.5	3.5 ±0.5
% aggregate voids filled with AC (VFA)		70-90	70-90	70-90
Tensile splitting ratio after freeze-thaw cycle GDT-66		80%	80%	80%
Drain-down (AASHTO T305), %		<0.3	<0.3	<0.3

*Mixture control tolerance is not applicable to this sieve for this mix.

**Mixture control tolerance is ± 2.0% for this sieve for 9.5 mm SMA mixes placed at spread rates greater than 135 lb/yd². For 9.5 mm SMA mixes placed at spread rates of 135 lb/yd² or less, 100 % passing is required on this sieve.

Note 1: Range for % AC is Original Optimum AC (OOAC) at 35 gyrations (Gyratory compactor) or 50 blows (Marshall compactor) prior to Corrected Optimum AC (COAC) calculation detailed in GDT 123 (Appendix A)

Note 2: Quality Acceptance Test Results for AC content that deviate > ± 0.3% from the approved Job Mix Formula (JMF) consistently over three lots may subject the mix to a revised AC content on project JMF at the discretion of the State Materials Engineer based on statistical trend.

1. Ensure SMA mixtures are compacted at 35 gyrations with the Superpave Gyratory compactor or 50 blows with the Marshall compactor.
2. Ensure SMA mixtures contain mineral filler and fiber stabilizing additives and meet the following requirements:
 - a. Asphalt cement grade PG-76-22 (specified in [Section 820](#)) is required in all SMA mixtures.
 - b. Aggregates for SMA meet the requirements of [Subsection 802.2.02.A.3](#).
 - c. Use the approved mineral filler specified in the mix design and meeting the requirements of [Section 883](#). Approved sources of mineral filler are listed in [QPL 81](#).

Use the approved Fiber Stabilizing Additive of the type (cellulose or mineral) specified in the mix design and meeting the requirements of [Section 819](#). Approved sources of Fiber Stabilizing Additive are listed in [OPL 77](#). The dosage rate will be as specified in the mix design and sufficient to prevent drain-down exceeding the above tolerance.

B. Fabrication

See [Section 400](#).

828.2.03 Superpave Asphalt Concrete Mixtures

A. Requirements for Superpave Mixtures (except Parking Lot Mixtures)

Produce the mixture according to an approved mix design and Job Mix Formula. Ensure Superpave Asphalt Concrete mixtures meet the following mixture control tolerances and mix design limits:

1. Gradation limits for Superpave mixtures are as follows:

Sieve Size	Mixture Control Tolerance	Design Gradation Limits, Percent Passing				
		9.5 mm Superpave Type I	9.5 mm Superpave Type II	12.5 mm Superpave (Note 1)	19 mm Superpave	25 mm Superpave
1½ in (37.5 mm)						100*
1- in (25.0 mm)	± 8.0			100*	100*	90-100
¾ in (19.0 mm)	±8.0**	100*	100*	98-100****	90-100	55-89**
1/2 in (12.5 mm)	±6.0***	98-100****	98-100****	90-100	60-89***	50-70
3/8 in (9.5 mm)	±5.6	90-100	90-100	70-89	55-75	
No. 4 (4.75 mm) s	±5.6	65-85	55-75			
No. 8 (2.36 mm)	±4.6	48-55	42-47	38-46	32-36	30-36
No. 200 (75 µm)	±2.0	5.0-7.0	5.0-7.0	4.5-7.0	4.0-6.0	3.5-6.0
Range for % AC (Note 3)	± 0.4 (Note 2)	5.50-7.25	5.25-7.00	5.00-6.25	4.25-5.50	4.00-5.25

* Mixture control tolerance is not applicable to this sieve for this mix.

** Ensure mixture control tolerance is within ± 10.0% for this sieve for 25 mm Superpave.

***Ensure mixture control tolerance is within ± 8.0% for this sieve for 19 mm Superpave.

****Ensure mixture control tolerance is within ± 2.0% for this sieve for 12.5 mm and 9.5 mm mixes.

Note 1: Use PG 76-22 in 12.5 mm Superpave, excluding shoulder construction, on all projects with ADT greater than 25,000 as detailed in the Contract Pay Item.

Note 2: Quality Acceptance Test Results for AC content deviating > ± 0.3 % from the approved Job Mix Formula (JMF) consistently over three Lots may subject the mix to a revised AC content on the project JMF at the discretion of the State Materials Engineer based on statistical trend.

Note 3: Range for % AC is Original Optimum AC (OOAC) at 65 gyrations prior to the Corrected Optimum AC (COAC) calculation detailed in SOP 2 (Appendix D).

2. Volumetric limits are as follows:

Design Parameter	Mix Type	Limits
% of Max. Specific Gravity (Gmm) at design gyrations, (Ndes)	All	96%
% Gmm at the initial number of gyrations, Ni	All	91.5% maximum
% voids filled with asphalt (VFA) at Ndes	9.5 mm Type I	Min. 72; Max. 80
	9.5 Type II and 12.5 mm	Min. 72; Max. 76
	19 mm	Min. 71; Max 76
	25 mm	Min. 69; Max 76
Fines to effective asphalt binder ratio (F/Pbe)	9.5 mm Type I	0.6 to 1.4
	All other types	0.8 to 1.6
Minimum Film Thickness (microns)*	All	> 7.00
Minimum % Voids in Mineral Aggregate (VMA) Note: VMA shall be calculated using the effective specific gravity of the aggregate (Gse). See SOP-2SP.	25 mm	13.0
	19 mm	14.0
	12.5 mm	15.0
	9.5 Type I	16.0
	9.5 Type II	16.0

*Superpave Mixtures approved prior to January 31, 2012, may be adjusted to meet Minimum Film Thickness requirements by the State Materials Engineer.

B. Requirements for Superpave Parking Lot Mixes (NOT FOR STANDARD HIGHWAY/STREET PAVING)

1. Surface Layers for parking facilities:

Sieve Size	Mixture Control Tolerance	Design Gradation Limits, Percent Passing		
		4.75 mm Mix	9.5 mm Superpave Type I	9.5 mm Superpave Type II
1- in (25.0 mm) sieve	± 8.0			
3/4 in (19.0 mm) sieve	±8.0**		100*	100*
1/2 in (12.5 mm) sieve	±6.0	100*	98-100****	98-100****
3/8 in (9.5 mm) sieve	±5.6	90-100	90-100	90-100
No. 4 (4.75 mm) sieve	±5.6	75-95	65-85	55-75
No. 8 (2.36 mm) sieve	±4.6	60-65	48-55	42-47
No. 50 (300 µm) sieve	+3.8	20-50		
No. 200 (75 µm) sieve	±2.0	4-12	5.0-7.0	5.0-7.0
Range for Total AC	+ 0.4	6.00 - 7.50	5.50 - 7.25	5.25 - 7.00

* Mixture control tolerance is not applicable to this sieve for this mix.

****Ensure mixture control tolerance is within ± 2.0% for this sieve for 12.5 mm and 9.5 mm mixes.

2. Subsurface Layers for parking facilities:

Sieve Size	Mixture Control	Design Gradation Limits, Percent Passing	
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	Tolerance	12.5 mm Superpave	19 mm Superpave	25 mm Superpave
				100*
1- in (25.0 mm) sieve	± 8.0	100*	100*	90-100
3/4 in (19.0 mm) sieve	±8.0**	98-100****	90-100	55-89**
1/2 in (12.5 mm) sieve	±6.0***	90-100	60-89***	50-70
3/8 in (9.5 mm) sieve	±5.6	70-89	55-75	
No. 8 (2.36 mm) sieve	±4.6	38-46	32-36	30-36
No. 200 (75 µm) sieve	±2.0	4.5-7.0	4.0-6.0	3.5-6.0
Range for Total AC	+ 0.4	5.00 - 6.25	4.25 - 5.50	4.00 - 5.25

*Mixture control tolerance is not applicable to this sieve for this mix.

**Ensure mixture control tolerance is within ±10.0% for this sieve for 25 mm Superpave mixes.

*** Ensure mixture control tolerance is within ±8.0% for this sieve for 19 mm Superpave mixes.

****Ensure mixture control tolerance is within ±2.0% for this sieve for 12.5 mm and 9.5 mm Superpave mixes.

3. Volumetric limits for parking facilities are as follows:

Design Parameter	Mix Type	Limits
% of Max. Specific Gravity (Gmm) at design gyrations, Ndes)	All	96%
% Gmm at the initial number of gyrations, Ni	All	91.5 % maximum
% voids filled with asphalt (VFA) at Ndes	9.5 mm Type I	Min. 72; Max. 80
	9.5 Type II and 12.5 mm	Min. 72; Max. 78
	19 and 25 mm	Min. 71; Max 76
Fines to effective asphalt binder ration (F/Pbe)	9.5 mm Type I	0.6 to 1.4
	All other types	0.8 to 1.6
Minimum Film Thickness (microns)*	4.75 mm	> 6.00
	All other types	> 7.00
Minimum % Voids in Mineral Aggregate (VMA) Note: VMA shall be calculated using the effective specific gravity of the aggregate (Gse). See SOP-2	25 mm	13.0
	19 mm	14.0
	12.5 mm	15.0
	9.5 mm Types I, II	16.0

* Mixtures approved prior to January 31, 2012, may be adjusted to meet Minimum Film Thickness requirements by the State Materials Engineer.

C. Fabrication

See [Section 400](#).

828.2.04 Fine-Graded Mixtures

A. Requirements

Produce the mixture according to an approved mix design and Job Mix Formula. Ensure that fine-graded mixtures meet the following mixture control tolerances and design limits:

ASPHALTIC CONCRETE - 4.75 mm Mix

Sieve Size	Mixture Control Tolerance	Design Gradation Limits, % passing
1/2 in (12.5 mm) sieve*	±0.0	100*
3/8 in (9.5 mm) sieve	±5.6	90-100
No. 4 (4.75 mm) sieve	±5.7	75-95
No. 8 (2.36 mm) sieve	±4.6	60-65
No. 50 (300 µm) sieve	±3.8	20-50
No. 200 (75 µm) sieve	±2.0	4-12
Range for % AC	±0.4	6.00 – 7.50
Design optimum air voids (%)		4.0 – 7.0
% Aggregate voids filled with AC		60 - 80
Minimum Film Thickness (microns)**		> 6.00

* Mixture control tolerance is not applicable to this sieve for this mix.

** 4.75 mm Mixtures approved prior to January 31, 2012, may be adjusted to meet Minimum Film Thickness requirements by the State Materials Engineer.

B. Fabrication

See [Section 400](#).

C. Acceptance

See [Subsection 106.3](#) and [Section 400](#). Ensure individual test results meet the Mixture Control Tolerances listed in Subsections [828.2](#), [828.2.01](#), [828.2.02](#), [828.2.03](#), [828.2.04](#), whichever applies.

D. Materials Warranty

See General Provisions 101 through 150.